

SEPTEMBER 2023



NEW GERMANY MINNESOTA

# City of New Germany

**Compost bin** is at the City Shed at 250 State Avenue N, only place grass clippings and leaves in the bin. Branches and larger items please bring to the Mayer compost location; county road 30 east, cross the bridge, 2nd gate on the left. Open on Wednesdays 5—8 PM, and Saturdays 8 AM—Noon, April—November. December through March Saturdays 8 AM—12 PM.

**Ordinance code 92.03 (O)** Shipping containers, storage containers, temporary structures, and the storage of boats, campers, trailers and other recreational relate items shall not remain in one area for more than 180 days. Items that are required to be licensed shall be currently licensed and shall be parked on an impervious, concrete or asphalt surface.



## Join others in the nation’s largest Adopt a Drain program.

### Adopt a Drain

Adopt a drain is a program that invites residents to adopt a storm drain and commit to keeping it clear of leaves, trash and other debris. Keeping storm drains clean prevents pollution in our lakes and creeks.

The program began in 2017 in Minnesota, and since that has grown to 5 states. In Minnesota there are 10,000 volunteers who have adopted 19,000 drains and have prevented 500,000 lbs. of debris from getting into local lakes and rivers. The impacts have been huge!

### Clean storm drains help lakes

Rain washes anything that’s on streets and paved surfaces down storm drains and into lakes and rivers. Many people do not know that “natural” debris—leaves, grass clippings, fertilizer, road salt, and pet waste—becomes pollution when it hits the water. When these natural pollutants break down, they become food for algae, causing it to grow out of control.

### Sign up

You can sign up as an individual, a family, a school, an organization, a service group and more.

To sign up visit <https://www.adopt-a-drain.org/>. Plug in your location to search for adoptable storm drains near you. Select one and fill out the sign-up form. When residents sign up for the program, they’ll receive an e-mail with instructions on how to safely clear storm drains, dispose of the debris, and report the amount of debris they collect.



**FLAGS FOR SALE**-Did you know you could purchase a new flag (3x5) from the New Germany American Legion. If Interested or need more information contact Roger Sauerbrey at 952-657-2431. The New Germany hall is a drop off site for old tattered flags.



### City Staff

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Office Assistant—Jane Diers

Council Meetings—7 pm 1st & 3rd Tuesday

### COLUMBUS DAY

The City Office will be closed on Monday, October 9, 2023 in observance of Columbus Day.

Commercial Club is always looking for new volunteers, if interested please call Shirley 952-353-2208. The Commercial club meets the 4th Monday as needed, 7 PM at City Hall. Planning Commission meets the 4th Tuesday at 6 PM as needed.





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Clerk Office  
Hours  
Mon-Thurs  
8:30-4:30  
Friday-  
CLOSED



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**Reminders**

Snow parking rules— NO parking on city streets following a snowfall of 1” or more.

NO parking on city streets between 2 AM—7 AM beginning November 1 thru March 31.

PENALTY—If your car is parked illegally during snow plowing, the Sheriff Dept., will be called and you would receive a ticket.

In the winter months it is your responsibility to keep the snow cleared around your mailboxes.

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If you are thinking of remodeling, plumbing, heating, or window replacement, many of these projects require building permits. If you are doing a project that requires a building permit and have not obtained one from the city; a cease order may be issued and you could be fined. Call City Office and check if your project needs a permit to save time and money. For questions please call, MetroWest Inspection Services, Inc., 763-479-1720.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month—Southern Valley Alliance has a yard sign campaign, \$10 per sign. To order: email info@svamn.org or call 952-873-4214. Southern Valley Alliance has a purple lights campaign, shine a light, save a life. Purple is the color for Domestic Violence Awareness month. Help raise awareness by displaying purple lights outside your home or business during the month of October.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

BASEBALL LIGHT FUND RAISER—October 7, 7-11 PM, City Hall, Butch Automatic.

HALLOWEEN PARTY— October 28, 6 PM—7:30 PM, City Hall.

TURKEY BINGO—Tuesday, November 21, more info to follow.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: December 2. Mark your calendars!

TRUTH & TAXATION HEARING—December 5, 7 PM City Office.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCT. 8—14**— A smoke alarm is your first line of defense. Make it a point to install fresh batteries. Then check to see if it’s working by pushing the safety test button. ~Many homes should have two or more smoke alarms, including one outside of every sleeping area.

~ Change your flashlight batteries. Keep a working flashlight near your bed, in the kitchen, basement, and family room. They are convenient if power goes out and can be used to signal for help in the event of a fire.

~ Install a fire extinguisher near your kitchen and know how to use it. Buy a multi purpose fire extinguisher.

~ Plan and practice your escape. Create at least two different escape routes and practice them with your family.

~ Fire protection on the job! If you notice a hazard or condition that could cause a fire, report it to your supervisor.

More than 1.7 million fires strike American homes and businesses each year, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Fire Chief Goede encourages everyone who has battery operated smoke alarms to replace your batteries, this small task could save a life! Reminder—fires spread more quickly the more oxygen they have. Keep your bedroom door closed can slow the spread of a house fire, as well as reduce toxic smoke levels.

**NEW GERMANY FIRE DEPARTMENT IS ACCEPTING FIRE FIGHTER’S! JOIN TODAY!**

\*\*\*\*\* **HALLOWEEN PARTY** \*\*\*\*\*

The New Germany Commercial Club is hosting a **October 28 Halloween Party—games, prizes, fun for all ages. If you would like to help at this event, please call Shirley Jaeger. Trick or Treaters are welcome to walk around town on Halloween night and stop at houses with porch lights on.**



**October 2023**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 FD Mtg	3 Council mtg	4	5 Recycle	6	7
8	9 Columbus Day Closed	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 FD training	17 Council mtg	18	19 Recycle	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Hal-loween Party
29	30	31 				